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THREE CENTS

Will Open Saturday

The annual United Presbyterian Eastern Summer Conference will open Saturday on the Northfield campus and will remain in session until August 2. This conference, under the direction of the New York Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, will bring more than 300 ministers and laymen of that denomination for their annual period of leadership training and discussion of church affairs.

The Rev. James M. Guthrie, of New York, is chairman and the speaker Sunday morning at 10.45 in Russell Sage Chapel will be Dr. Herbert Braun of Dale's Memorial Church, Philadelphia. The conference will be succeeded on August 2 by the Northfield General Conference which will remain in session until August 11.

Hostel Rules Broken

A good story comes from Dorothy Hickie of the Boston office of the American Youth Hostel. The scene is laid at the Acton hostel and the happening took place recently. Regulations provide that hostellers upon their visits must leave the same in usable clean condition. This time the house parent became alarmed because new arrivals were making a commotion in the kitchen. He investigated and opening the door, to his amazement he found the garbage can overturned and its contents spread all over the floor.

He looked for the offenders and saw a whole family, father, mother and children, who were responsible, but they were raccoons. They were not one bit excited and went on to clean up and devour, undisturbed by the house parent. But they had violated the hostel rules and made the place unattractive for newcomers.

Flowers For Fair

The flower committee for the Congregational Church fair August 8 is asking for donations from home gardeners. Bouquets and house plants will be appreciated. Any donor unable to deliver the blooms may call Mrs. Lee Bolton, Mrs. Donald Hayes or Mrs. James Gillespie to make arrangements for collection.

Northfield is well represented in the audiences at the Brattleboro Summer Theatre in the Auditorium of that city. The plays are interesting, the scenery excellent and the actors take their parts splendidly. Certainly no evening can be spent more profitably than in enjoying one of the performances.

Nancy A. Miner, Patricia E. Chapin, Annette E. Clark, Marie L. Clark and Pearl Barber, of this town, are registered at Camp Anderson on Lake Wyola, sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. and open from July 21 to August 18.

Conference Speaker



DR. RUSSELL L. DICKS

One of the well known speakers at the general conference meeting here August 2 to 11 will be Dr. Russell L. Dicks. His addresses will be looked forward to with keen interest by the many delegates attending as they will be of practical value in Christian living.

Dr. Dicks is chaplain of Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago and is a member of the faculties of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and at Chicago Theological Seminary and Garrett Bible Institute.

He is a widely recognized authority on all phases of pastoral work. He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and served for five years on the staff of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. After he joined the faculty of Southern Methodist University and later became pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas. During the war he was connected with the USO and conducted seminars on personnel counseling.

Play Good Baseball

The Northfield baseball team is playing well and furnishing the town with some excellent games as is attested by the increasing attendance at the games on the home grounds. The local team is in the Franklin County League and the teams and their standings are as follows: South Deerfield with 1.000 per cent, first; Northfield with .857 per cent, second; Montague City, .750 per cent, third; Hanovers, of Shelburne Falls, and the Shelburne Falls team, both with .556 per cent; Russell, of Greenfield, .455 per cent; Hinsdale, N. H., .375 per cent; Charlemont, .167 per cent; Montague, .143 per cent, and Colrain, .125 per cent. If you haven't seen a game better get down to the field and attend one.

A Good Suggestion

An increasing interest in the old homes throughout New England is being shown by visitors this year, probably the result of special reading of the many books which have been published during the past year covering the subject.

The old historical houses of New England surely are of interest and when filled with the original furnishings and attended by the "dames" in costume attract the visitor. This has been the experience of many New England towns and Northfield ought to fall in line for many homes here are worth a "look over." Joseph R. Colton, curator, and Miss Isie Scott, president, of the Historical Society, are being urged to inaugurate such a showing here, possibly for next season.

Fund Campaign Ends

The Salvation Army campaign for funds which has been under way for the last few weeks has closed without the usual house-to-house solicitation. The quota was not reached and if there are persons who still desire to contribute, subscriptions should be sent to either Mr. Spencer, the chairman, or to Mr. Hoehn, the treasurer. The portion of the fund available for use in Northfield will be expended wisely in the interest of worthy persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barrows, of Winchester Road, are on a motor vacation tour along the shores of Cape Cod.

Another Paper Starts

It is stated that another shopping and advertising paper will be started in Greenfield to cover the county. The first issue will probably appear early next month and in most respects is similar to the former Shopping News issued in Greenfield before the war by Robert P. Dolan and at that time printed by the Northfield Printing Co. of which the late Henry R. Gould was manager. It is not known how the paper will be distributed to county residents. Interests in South Deerfield are printing and distributing an advertising paper of tabloid size to all residents in their shopping area.

Shelburne Fire Tower

Visitors are always welcome to visit the fire tower on Mount Massamet in Shelburne Falls, from which Preston D. Ware views the surrounding countryside as its fire observer. On a clear day Haystack Mountain in Vermont is visible, Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire and Mount Wachusett to the east and Mount Greylock to the west in Massachusetts. A beautiful section of the landscape lies before the visitor and the climb up either by trail or part way by auto is most interesting.

Soon the tower will be connected by two-way radio with the other towers throughout the State. Last years over 500 visitors registered at the tower. The tower is located only a short drive from Northfield and should be visited by our local folks and summer visitors.

At The Andrews Camp

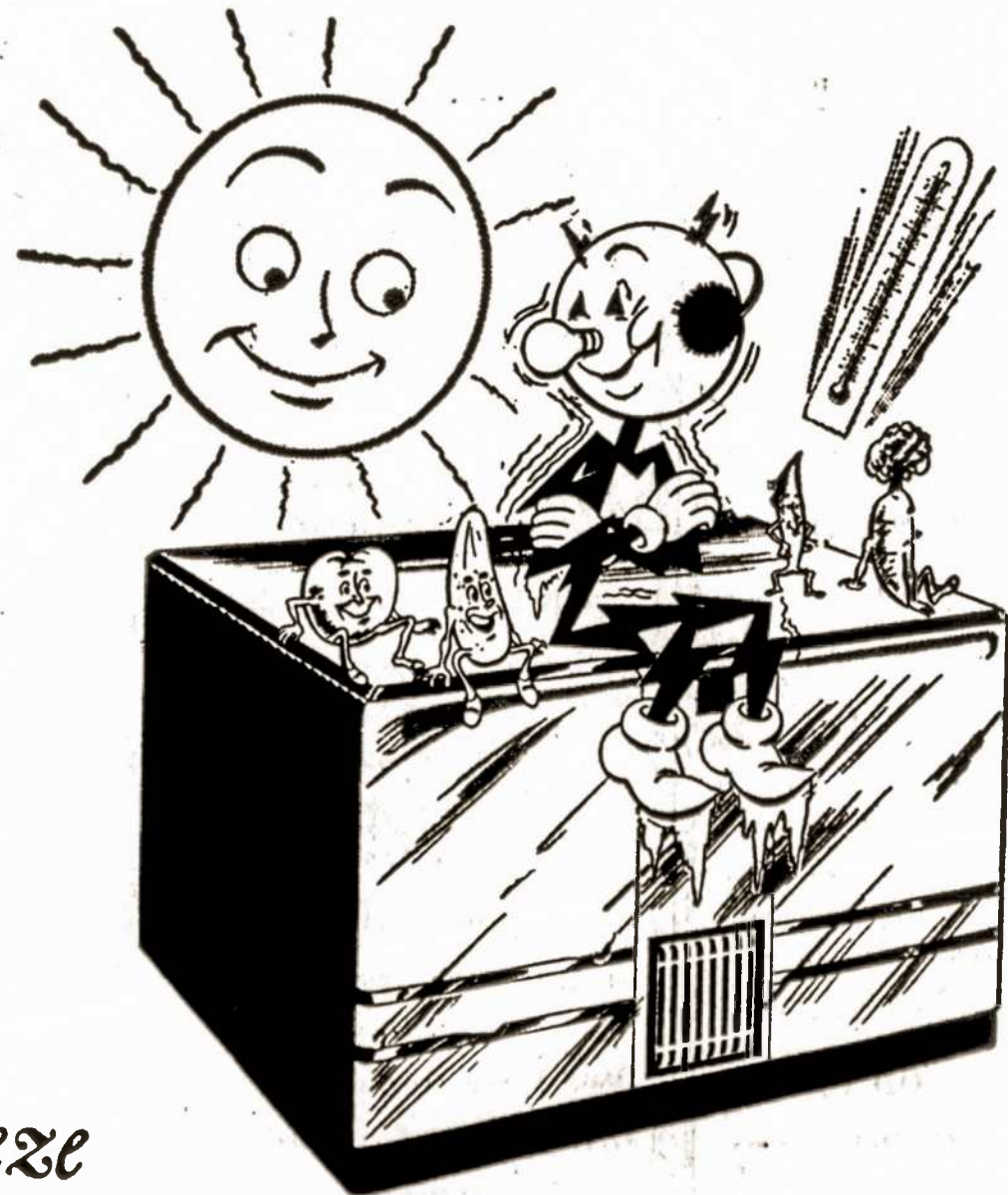
Louise Andrews Camp, off Winchester Road, now operated by the Salvation Army, has been for the past two weeks and is now bristling with activity. Scores of young people have been enjoying their short vacations from their city homes and the conferences now to begin in the interest of the several departments of their work will be well attended with a program continuing through the summer. The splendid swimming pool in the open is much appreciated and used and was provided for and constructed at the expenses of a liberal admirer of Salvation Army work.

Improving Grounds

For the past few weeks work has been going on with a crew of men, truck and tractor, cleaning up the property of the Northfield Schools by the removal of the unsightly stumps of trees. The work is under the direction of George W. Carr and when finished will add to the attractive appearance of the grounds and lawns. Some trees on the grounds of the schools will also be removed where it will improve their use.

Miss Harriet Weaver, of Glen Rock, N. J., has arrived at the home of Mrs. Grace C. Cornell to spend the summer.

Miss Ethel V. Lawrence is entertaining her friend, Miss Mary Frank, of Chatham, N. J., at her home in Mountain Park.



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DR. PAUL A. WOLFE

Dr. Wolfe, who will be at the general conference August 2 to 11, has been minister of the Brick Church in New York city since 1933.

He was educated at Carleton College and Yale Divinity School. Ordained in the Presbyterian ministry in 1922, he first served as assistant minister of the Fifth Avenue Church in New York. Before he was called to the Brick Church he also served congregations in Keene Valley, New York, and Evanston, Ill., and for four years was chaplain at the Taft School. He is a member of the Presbyterian Foundation of the New York Presbytery and a director of the New York City Mission Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore, of Philadelphia, are at their cottage in Mountain Park for the summer. They have as guests their daughter, Mrs. Richard Neuendorffer, the former Helen Moore; Mrs. N. R. Pheneger, of Cazenovia, N. Y., Mrs. Moore's sister, and Miss Jean Tearse, of Columbus, Ohio, pastor's assistant at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pfefferle returned from the western motor trip to the coast with Doctor and Mrs. Dean. They both enjoyed the excursion very much and looked fine upon their return. They saw many wonderful and interesting places but Mr. Pfefferle said that Northfield looked good to him upon his return.

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DR. STANLEY HIGH

Dr. High is well known throughout the United States as an author, particularly for his recent contributions to the Reader's Digest as roving editor of that magazine.

However, he is also widely recognized as a lecturer and authority on economic and political affairs. His recent trip to Europe furnished him with a vast amount of first-hand information which makes his current articles and lectures of unusual interest and value.

Educated at Nebraska Wesleyan and Boston University School of Theology, he served as foreign correspondent, editor and was once a special advisor to the President.

Members of the Grange enjoyed a mystery drive Wednesday evening. Several cars made a pilgrimage under the direction of Lawrence Ferris as master of the lodge.

Ross L. Spencer, of Spencer Brothers, this town, well known as a successful distributor and sales agent for Ford tractors, cars and trucks, included in his busy routine last week visit and attendance at meetings at Montpelier, Vt.; Boston, Mass., and Hartford, Conn. The future looks bright for Ford business.

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Members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, of Warwick Ave., tendered them a family dinner at their home Wednesday evening of last week in observance of their 49th wedding anniversary. They received many gifts and cards of greeting.

The choir of the Congregational Church held a picnic supper at Mount Grace Reservation Tuesday evening of last week. It was well attended and all enjoyed a social time.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., and family, enjoyed a motor trip along the Cape Cod shores last week visiting friends.

Reverend and Mrs. William Morrison and family, of Woodridge, N. J., visited her mother, Rev. Helen Bassett, last week while they were enroute to spend a vacation in Canada.

Amherst, with the University of Massachusetts and Amherst College, is finding itself without rail service except freight although upon the Central Vermont Railroad. There is no passenger facilities and now express service is threatened. Looks as if Amherst will be a suburb of Northampton and dependent upon the latter community.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Spoor, of Kingston, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cochran, of Ulster Park, N. Y., were last week-end guests of Miss Ethel V. Lawrence in Mountain Park. Mrs. Spoor is a niece of Miss Lawrence and the party was enroute on a motor tour through Maine to Nova Scotia.

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White-Dwight

The marriage of Miss Harriet G. Dwight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Dwight, of this town, and Joseph E. White, of Remington, Va., took place at the Dwight home on Sunday, July 20, with members of the immediate families attending. The bride wore a blue street-length gown with white accessories. After the ceremony the entire group had a dinner at the Montague Inn. Upon their return from a wedding trip the couple will make their home in Remington. Mr. White is a former Hatfield resident and has served five years in the Army Air Corps.

Was Given Shower

Miss Natalie Gowan, our public health nurse, was given a shower by many friends at the chateau on Monday evening of this week. It was given in honor of her approaching marriage to John J. Hurley of this town. The sponsors were Mrs. George W. Carr, Mrs. Robert Abbott and Mrs. Wayne B. Wells. Decorations of the room were in lavender and gold with candles burning. She received many gifts and some beautiful flowers.

David Gredler, son of Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, of Birnam Road, who is a junior at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., has been awarded a scholarship for the coming year for his high standing. The award is a memorial scholarship to a former president of the university.

Herbert Randolph and two daughters, of Westfield, N. J., are visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. H. F. Randolph, on Main Street.

Town Topics

Mrs. Maude V. Voris, of Jamaica, N. Y., is at her cottage in Mountain Park for the remainder of the season.

Richard Steenbruggen, of South Vernon, represented the local American Legion at the state convention held in Boston this week.

Leslie Martin, of Maple Street, has undergone an operation at the Springfield Hospital and is reported as gradually recovering.

The museum of the Historical Society on Pine Street was open to the public on Wednesday afternoon of this week with no admission fee. There was a good attendance of citizens and visitors. The museum will again be open to the public on August 10 and 24.

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Watson, of Jamaica, N. Y., summer resident here, conducted the morning service at the Center Congregational Church in Brattleboro last Sunday.

When the Flower Show takes place at the chateau of the Northfield Hotel Philip Porter, an active member, will make one of his excellent displays. He is devoting much work and time in preparing the exhibit.

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Town Topics

Twenty-two applications for summer rental of cottages here remain unfilled and six requests for the purchase of summer homes have not been satisfied. This is an unusual situation in the real estate market and happens so because present owners are occupying or else will not rent except for a "good price" for the season.

"The Willows" roadway leading from Birnam road to the northern section of Rustic Ridge is a one-way thoroughfare but despite that fact autos have entered from each end and difficulties have resulted. Now the roadway will not be entered from Birnam Road as a sign has been placed there: "One Way Only—Do Not Enter."



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Mrs. Maest Leavitt and children, of Medford, have been recent guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Allen H. Wright, on Main Street.

Mrs. Robert L. Wood, of El Monte, Cal., is enjoying her stay for the summer months at the "Wood Homestead" on Main Street.

Mrs. Malcolm Billings of Northfield Farms, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Beverly Arlene, to Stanley Stratford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stratford, of Moore's Corner. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Florence M. Russell and family of Greenfield are occupying the Richardson cottage in Pine Grove for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Sylvester, of Glenbrook, Conn., spent last week in town visiting the places of interest and interesting themselves in real estate.

The extension of service on Rustic Ridge for telephones and the placing of a pay station will have to be deferred until next season when it is hoped there will be sufficient wire and instruments available for use.

Robert Trumbull Webber, son of Doctor and Mrs. W. G. Webber, of Amherst, formerly of this town, has received a Ph.D. degree at Yale University at its recent commencement.

Miss Agnes Plotczyk, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk, of West Northfield, has gone to Manchester, N. H., where she becomes manager of a dress and gift shop. She was a former member of the WAVES.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan made a premiere showing of their movies in color taken on their recent air journey and visit to the West Coast recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hoehn on Thursday evening of last week before a group of delighted friends.

The last group of hostellers enrolled in their travel trips have met in Northfield at headquarters and departed and reports received on their progress state that all are enjoying their experiences and having a profitable summer vacation.

The painting of the interior of the Town Hall is about finished and Contractor Barfitt expects to begin work on the exterior immediately.

The antique and gift shop business is improving and visitors to this town find much of interest to browse about the old and ancient articles to be found in the local places.

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